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SUBJECT:MOBIL TANKERS

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1. LADERA CONTENTION REPORTED REFTEL (A) THAT DEPT.
RECOMMENDED AGAINST MOBIL REFINER ENTERING LUANDA TOTALLY
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WITHOUT FOUNDATION. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT
CONTACT WITH MOBIL (SOMETIMES 2 OR 3 TIMES DAILY) AND
OTHER COMPANIES WITH INTERESTS IN ANGOLA FOR BASIC PURPOSE
OF SHARING INFORMATION ON DEVELOPING SITUATION. RE

SPECIFIC CASE OF MOBIL REFINER, DEPT. FOLLOWED SHIP'S PROGRESS AND SITUATION IN LUANDA VERY CLOSELY WITH VIEW TO INFLUENCING MOBIL'S DECISION IN FAVOR OF OFFLOADING AT LUANDA (REFTEL C). WITH THIS IN MIND, DEPT. PASSED TO MOBIL ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION ON SITUATION AS REPORTED BY CONGEN, AS WELL AS CONGEN'S DESCRIPTION OF FUEL SHORTAGE IN LUANDA AND ITS IMPLICATIONS AND CONCERN OF HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. WHEN PRESSED BY MOBIL, DEPT. STATED IT COULD NOT, OF COURSE, GO BEYOND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT, NOR COULD IT OFFER GUARANTEES BEYOND THOSE OFFERED BY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AS REPORTED BY CONGEN (REFTEL D).

2. UPON BEING INFORMED OF LADERA CONTENTION, MOBIL HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK EXPRESSED ITS VIGOROUS DISAGREEMENT WITH IT AND SUGGESTED LADERA CONSULT WITH MOBIL LUANDA MANAGER SOTTOMAIOR AS TO MOBIL'S DECISION AND REASONS FOR IT.

3. MOBIL ALSO PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. UPON ARRIVAL LAGOS, MOBIL REFINER WILL CONSULT WITH PORTUGUESE PURCHASING AGENT IN LUANDA ON DISPOSITION OF CARGO THAT HAD BEEN DESTINED FOR ANGOLA. MOBIL CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN REFINER WILL RETURN TO LUANDA UNLESS SECURITY SITUATION FOR UNLOADING IMPROVES MARKEDLY.

B. MOBIL TANKER CONESTOGA, NOW REPORTEDLY OFF LUANDA, WILL NOT GO INTO ANY ANGOLAN PORT BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN REROUTED.

C. RE JET FUEL SITUATION AT ACCRA (REFTEL B), MOBIL IS CONSIDERING WAYS TO ALLEVIATE THAT SITUATION.

4. BEST WAY TO IMPROVE FUEL DELIVERY SITUATION AT LUANDA WOULD BE, OF COURSE, FOR PORTUGUESE PHYSICALLY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURE UNLOADING AREA, INCLUDING SAO PEDRO DA BARRA FORT. OIL COMPANIES WOULD STILL BE UNEASY, HOWEVER, AT POSSIBILITY OF HOSTILE ACT AGAINST THEIR TANKERS BY INDIVIDUALS OF WHATEVER PERSUASION WITHIN SHOOTING RANGE OF UNLOADING FACILITIES. SISCO

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